Dear Les, 8/14/84

I'm not trying to smother you but I am floating an idea for the future.

In the Dallas field office case the most persisting and unimaginative lies have been about the FBI's tapes of the broadcasts of the Dallas police. I had several interests, including getting the best possible tape for analysis of the fourth shot the experts of the House assassins committee said they detected in what the FBI totally avoided in its investigation, the crucial time five minutes obliterated to the human ear on the channel set aside for the President's visit traffic. The Dallas FBI has tapes it made on its own machine and I've the proof. But they've managed to avoid any search for it in this litigation by the series of lies Judge Smith ignored.

One of the people I've been working with in Dallas, a TV man, who I'm now helping with an FOIA request he's filed and is being stonewalled, has just obtained a better dub of the tapes that were leaked by the Dallas police, originally I believe to a sycophantic writer. It includes more material the FBI omitted from its supposedly verbatim transcription. This relates to the other killing, which has its own elements of mystery, of the policeman J.D. Tippit. As I recall the official story, it is that for the period prior to a little before 12:45 p.m. (he was killed 30 minutes later) he was home having lunch. It now turns out that he broadcast twice during the lunch-at-home period, and that the FBI omitted this, too, in its investigation. Or, it appears that the official story is fabricated and the FBI knew and avoided this, by its omissions in transcription of the tapes it hides.

As with much else about the official story, the Tippit part was accepted by the press because it was official and no reporter was in a position to dispute any part of it. But there are many questions. The FBI, for example, could not associate the recovered bullets with the shells found at the scene, and the bullets also did not match the shells by manufacture. The cop killer, in fact, dropped those shells rather ostentaciously, which does not appear to be the normal hit-man style.

I'll be following this up on my own, filling in and checking details, for possible remand, when I'll want to dump a load of motive on the FBI. I write because if you can see any possible interest in this I'd do the checking sooner.

Pinning a cop-killer label on Oswald masked the major assassination evidentiary problems I assure you existed and exist, as I've established in court without dispute by the FBI. And did the FBI blow a gasket when the Commission wanted independent ballistics examination of the bullets recovered from Tippit's body!

This came to mind as I catch up on correspondence, with this TV friend whose letter I've just received.

Best wishes,

Harold